

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
19 FEBRUARY 1963

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10:15 I. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

II. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Minutes of January 1963 Meeting
2. Date of Next Meeting: 20 March 1963, 9:30 a.m.
Executive Session: 19 March 1963, 10:15 a.m.
3. Budget for Fiscal Year 1964, Hearings on Commission of Fine Arts before House Appropriations Committee
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 - a. Rock Creek Park Golf Course Club House - Proposed Design
 - b. C&O Canal Barge Landing, Between 30th & Thomas Jefferson Sts., N.W. - Proposed Design
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Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, Proposed Railing around Cheek Blocks

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& Kansas Aves., N.W. - Proposed Design
- (2) Hine Junior High School, 7th & C Sts., S.E. -
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- (3) Mildred Green Elementary School, 15th St. &
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(1) Shipstead-Luce Act

(a) Building Applications - Appendix 1

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Apartment Building
(Mr. Julian P. Green, Asst. Superintendent
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(2) Old Georgetown Act

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III. LEGISLATION

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2. S. 315-1/18/63-Mr.Dirksen-88thC-Report Requested

"To amend the National Cultural Center Act as amended, to enlarge the site within which the National Cultural Center may be built."

3. H.J.Res.181-1/24/63-Mr.Kyl-88thC-Rpt. Rqstd.

"Providing for the establishment of the Board on Presidential Memorials in the Nation's Capital."

4. H.R.262-1/9/63-Mr.Abernethy-88thC-Rpt.Rqstd.

"To provide that certain real property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Army and Made a Part of the Arlington National Cemetery."

5. H.R.1584-1/10/63-Mr.Curtin-88thC-Rpt. Rqstd.

"To amend the Act of August 21, 1935 to provide for a determination of whether certain sites, buildings, or other objects are of national historical significance, and to prohibit the use of Federal funds for highway purposes which damage or destroy national historical sites, buildings, or other objects"

6. H.R.2984-1/29/63-Mr.Gary-88thC-Rpt. Rqstd.

"To authorize the enlargement of the Arlington National Cemetery and to provide that certain land heretofore reserved for other purposes shall be made a part of the Arlington National Cemetery and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Army as a part of the Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes."

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
19 February 1963

The Commission met, pursuant to notice, in executive session, with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: Members - David E. Finley
Felix de Weldon
Douglas W. Orr
William G. Perry
Hideo Sasaki

Staff: L.R. Wilson, Executive Secy
C.L. Martin, Counsel
Susan E. Bennett, Admin Asst.
Myra Younker, Editor
Charles Benton, Recorder

I. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 22 and 23 were approved as drafted.

2. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Commission was set for March 20th at 9:30 a.m., with an Executive Session on March 19th at 10:15 a.m. The date of the April meeting was tentatively set for April 16th and 17th, and the May meeting tentatively set for May 14th and 15th.

3. Expiration of Term of Mr. Henry Saylor as Member of the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown

The Secretary reported that Mr. Saylor's three-year term as a member of the Board of Architectural Consultants for Georgetown would expire in March and asked if the Commission wished to reappoint him for another three year term.

After some discussion the members decided that should Mr. Saylor desire to continue to serve on the Board he should be invited to do so. It was further concluded that the Chairman should discuss the matter with Mr. Saylor and suggest that he be appointed for a one year term.

II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS-INTERVIEWS

1. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

a. Federal Office Building and Courthouse, Ogden, Utah - Selection of Sculptor

The Commission considered a request for its advice on the selection of a sculptor to execute freestanding sculpture to be located in an exterior reflecting pool at the entrance of the Federal Office Building and Courthouse in Ogden, Utah. The names of five sculptors, James Fitzgerald, Harold Balazs, James H. Hales, Tom Hardy, and Russell F. Svaren were submitted for consideration.

The members examined photographs of samples of each sculptor's work, and concluded that they preferred, in order, the work of Tom Hardy and James H. Hales, and recommended that Tom Hardy be given the Commission, or as a second choice, that it be given to James Hales.

The Chairman was authorized to send a letter to the Administrator of General Services setting forth the Commission's views. EXHIBIT A

b. Federal Office Building No. 5, Independence Avenue at 10th Street, S.E. - Selection of Artist for Ceramic Mural

The Commission was asked for its advice on the selection of Olin Russum as the artist to execute a ceramic mural in Federal Office Building No. 5. Photographs of examples of the artist's work were submitted with the request. No information relating to location of the proposed ceramic mural was furnished to the Commission.

The members concluded consideration of an artist for a ceramic mural in an undisclosed location in the building was premature at this time. It was noted that no proposed design for the building had been submitted to the Commission as yet. Finally, the members agreed that the policy of requesting the Public Buildings Service to submit the names of more than one artist should be maintained.

The Chairman was authorized to send a letter to the Administrator of General Services setting forth the Commission's views. EXHIBIT B

c. Post Office, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Proposed Design of Mural

The members examined a full-color preliminary sketch of a mural painting for a wall of the post office building drawn by the artist Grace Hamilton. The artist was approved by the Commission at its meeting on June 21, 1962. The composition of the sketch portrayed incidents and typical scenes in Oklahoma such as Indian activities, the opening of the Indian Territory to white settlement in 1889, oil well drilling, etc.

After examining the sketch some of the members criticized some aspects of the composition, but decided to take no final action until the Commission received the comments of the painter member, Mr. Hurd.

d. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Building, 17th Street and New York Avenue, N.W. - Proposed Landscaping Plan

A proposed landscaping plan for the building at 17th Street

and New York Avenue, N.W. was submitted for the Commission's recommendations.

The general concensus was that the plan was satisfactory. Mr. Sasaki was of the opinion that a large planting bed on the northeast corner of the building, to be planted with azaleas, would constitute an impediment to pedestrians seeking access to the main entrance of the building on 17th Street and recommended that it be eliminated.

The Commission voted to approve the plan with a recommendation that the planting bed be eliminated.

The Chairman was authorized to send a letter to the Administrator of General Services setting forth the Commission's views. EXHIBIT C

2. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Capital Region

✓ a. Rock Creek Park Golf Club House - Proposed Design

The Commission examined elevations and perspectives of a proposed golf course club house for the Rock Creek Park Golf Course at Military Road, N.W. The structure would consist of two levels and would include a lounge, pro-shop and snack-bar on the upper level, and ladies' and mens' locker rooms on the lower level.

After noting the various features of the plans, the members concluded that mass and overall elevations of the building seemed unnecessarily complicated for a building of the size contemplated. They cited particularly the rear elevation facing the golf course which they felt could be simplified.

No action was taken pending a conference with representatives of the Park Service on the following day.

✓ b. Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Barge Landing, Between 30th and Thomas Jefferson Streets, N.W. - Proposed Design

Drawings illustrating proposed improvement to the Canal Barge Landing were examined. The planned improvements included paving of the area with brick, gas lamp-posts, and the addition of new park benches.

The members thought the proposed plan of improvements was satisfactory except for one or two small details which they decided to discuss with representatives of the National Park Service on the following day.

c. Fort Washington Employee Residence - Proposed Design

Plans for a proposed employee's residence at Fort Washington

in Prince Georges County, Md., were examined. The plan proposed was a basic design adopted by the Park Service and used throughout the country.

The members had no serious objections to the design, although they suggested that uniformity in the depth of the windows on the west elevation would improve the appearance of the building.

No final action was taken pending the conference with representatives of the National Park Service on the following day.

d. Stanton Park (U.S. Reservation 15), Maryland and Massachusetts Avenues, N.E. - Proposed Redevelopment Plan

The Commission considered a request for its views on a proposed plan for the redevelopment of Stanton Park, located in Northeast Washington, approximately three blocks from the Capitol. A memorandum which accompanied the plan explained that the purpose of the development plan was to emphasize the vista of the Capitol Building through the park along Maryland Avenue. This objective would be attained by adding a border of paving block, benches, and two rows of flowering trees along the Maryland Avenue axis of the park.

The members approved of the plan in principle, but they were of the opinion that the same treatment should be applied along the Massachusetts Ave. axis of the park, which has a vista looking toward Union Station Plaza. It was also concluded that the existing perimeter walkway should be retained.

No final action was taken pending a conference with representatives of the National Park Service on the following day.

3. Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Support Services

Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington Memorial Amphitheater - Proposed Railing Around Cheek Blocks

The Commission considered a request from the office of the Chief of Support Services, Department of the Army, for its views on a proposed solution to a safety hazard involving the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater. Colonel James C. MacFarland, Chief, Memorial Division, explained in a letter dated February 11th, that during services at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier visitors assemble on the steps of the east entrance to the Reception Building, and some persons stand on the cheek blocks at either side of the steps. There is a drop of approximately 8 feet to the ground at either side of the steps and this is considered a safety hazard.

EXHIBIT D

Colonel MacFarland suggested that access to the cheek blocks be closed off, or a railing be placed around each cheek blocks, leaving space for entrance of persons from the platform. Drawings showing the proposed railing were submitted for review.

The members were of the opinion that it would be preferable to adopt some method of blocking off the cheek blocks to discourage visitors from standing on them. Mr. Sasaki suggested that the blocks might be altered to make them planting boxes with shrubbery which would completely occupy the space. Also, the Secretary showed the members a photograph of a rendering of the original design for the east entrance in which sculpture was proposed for the two cheek blocks.

After a general discussion the Commission decided to recommend that sculpture pieces be placed on the cheek blocks, or, if this were not feasible, that they be planted with shrubbery.

The Chairman was authorized to send a letter setting forth the Commission's views. EXHIBIT E *

4. District of Columbia Government

a. Department of Highways and Traffic

✓ Tree Rehabilitation Program for Pennsylvania Avenue from First to Seventeenth Streets, N.W.

It was recalled that at the January meeting the Commission had concluded that in view of the anticipated disclosure of plans for the redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue, by the President's Advisory Council on Pennsylvania Avenue, it was premature at this time to consider a tree rehabilitation program for the Avenue and had not considered the proposed scheme. The Chairman reported that following the January meeting, Mr. G.I. Sawyer, Deputy Director for Engineering Design and Research had requested that he and Mr. John Baylor, landscape architect, be permitted to explain the plan to the Commission and that the presentation would be made on the following day.

b. Department of Buildings and Grounds

✓ (1) Lewis Charles Rabaut Junior High School, North Dakota and Kansas Avenues, N.W. - Proposed Design

The members looked at drawings and elevations of a preliminary design for the school.

In general the members thought the plan for the building was superior to school designs which had been submitted recently. Some of the members thought the main entrance was inadequate and confusing and should be restudied.

No action was taken pending a conference with representatives of the Department of Buildings and Grounds and the architect on the following day.

* no letter written because
it was decided to study
the matter and discuss it further at March meeting

✓ (2) Hine Junior High School, 7th and C Streets, S.E. -
Proposed Design

Preliminary drawings and a site plan were examined of a proposed school to be located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 7th and 8th Streets, S.E. The new school will replace the existing school on the site. The building was designed for 700 students and a future three story addition in the form of a wing will be added.

The proposed building consisted of an auditorium facing Pennsylvania Avenue with a common entrance and foyer with a classroom building. The central portion of the rectangular classroom building was occupied by a gymnasium on both the first and second floors.

In examining the plans the members noted that the circulation plan for the building was exceedingly complicated because of the location of the gymnasiums. They concluded that the Commission should not approve the plan but should request that alternative schemes be presented which would have a better relation of the various parts of the whole structure.

Final action was postponed until the conference with the architect on the following day.

✓ (3) Mildred Green Elementary School, 15th Street and
Mississippi Avenue, S.E. - Revised Design

A revised design for the school was examined. The Commission, after reviewing a previous submission at the January meeting, had recommended that a completely new approach to the plan of the building be taken and that drawings showing it as a three story building be submitted.

The revised plans showed the same design plan which the Commission had previously objected to, with the third story added and a modified entranceway. No other changes were noted.

The Commission reserved its comments for the following day.

✓ (4) Public Library, 3d and K Streets, S.W. - Revised Design

Revised drawings and elevations of the proposed building were examined. The revisions were to comply with the Commission's recommendations at the January 23d meeting that the architectural expression be restudied for the ultimate three story building, with emphasis on achieving a lighter and more pleasing character, and that the shelving in the stack levels be moved away from the walls to permit larger windows.

The members thought that revisions to the design had greatly improved the appearance of the building. They agreed that the substitution of vertical glass strips for the horizontal strip windows in the original design was a decided improvement in the exterior appearance and would result in a much more pleasing light in the general reading room.

Some reservations were expressed about the entranceway which they thought could be simplified, and the opinion was expressed that a greater glass area could be utilized over the projecting canopy.

No action was taken pending the conference with the architect on the following day.

c. Department of Licenses and Inspections

(1) Shipstead-Luce Act

✓ (a) Building Applications - Appendix 1

The Commission considered actions taken on Shipstead-Luce building permit applications forwarded for review by the Department of Licenses and Inspections of the District of Columbia, as listed in Appendix 1 dated 19 February 1963, of the Order of Business. Confirmation of the action was given in each case of the favorable recommendation and of an unfavorable recommendation in the case of S.L. 2578, 400 12th Street, S.W., McLachlen Banking Corporation.

(b) S.L. 2553, 1845 Harvard Street N.W. - Proposed Apartment Building

Mr. Julian P. Green, Assistant Superintendent of Licenses and Permits, D.C. Department of Licenses and Inspections conferred with the Commission concerning an application for a building permit to erect a large apartment building at 1845 Harvard Street, N.W., opposite the Harvard Street entrance to the National Zoological Park. Mr. Green reported that upon receipt of the Chairman's letter of January 11, 1963, which reported that the Commission of Fine Arts had recommended that further studies be made toward design modifications which would lessen the effect of the building on the adjoining park lands, the Permit Branch had denied the application for permit. The owners of the property, the Tower Construction Company, thereupon appealed to the Board of Commissioners from denial of the permit. A public hearing on the appeal was held by the Board on February 14th. Mr. Green then read excerpts from the transcript of the hearing which concluded by the Board directing the applicants to confer again with the Commission of Fine Arts on alternative means of designing the building. A staff memorandum on the hearing before the Board of Commissioners is EXHIBIT F.

Mr. Green reported that the architect for the building, Mr. Vernon C. Elmore, would meet with the Commission on the following day and would present an alternative design for the building.

There was a general discussion of the Commission's recommendations regarding development of the site and the nature of the owners objections to them. Mr. Green stated that the Department of Licenses and Inspections

agreed with the Commission's concern about the effect of the proposed structure on the Park and had written a memorandum to the Board of Commissioners supporting the Commission's point of view.

No action was taken pending the conference with the architect on the following day.

(c.) Watergate Project, Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues, N.W.-Status

The Secretary reported that Professor Luigi Moretti, architect for the project, would meet with the Commission at the March meeting to present further developments in the plans for the project. No action was deemed necessary.

(2) Old Georgetown Act, Public Law 808, 81st Congress

(a) Building Applications - Appendix 2

The Secretary reported the actions taken, after the recommendations of the Old Georgetown Board of Architects, on the applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections. The Report was dated 19 February 1963, and comprised Appendix 2 of the Order of Business. After examining the individual cases the Commission confirmed the favorable recommendations. An unfavorable recommendation was confirmed in the case of O.G. 3329, 3205 K Street, N.W., Krouse's Waterfront Inn.

(b) Meeting with Gasoline Station Operators and Utility Companies In Re Appearance of Georgetown Commercial Properties

Mr. Green briefly discussed a meeting that he had arranged with owners of commercial properties in Georgetown, representatives of the Telephone Company and a soft drink bottling company, to discuss complaints he had received about the unattractive appearance of gasoline stations and other business properties in Georgetown caused by improperly placed telephone booths, soft drink dispensing machines, and an excessive number of signs. A staff memorandum on the meeting is EXHIBIT G.

Mr. Green reported that as a result of the meeting the gasoline station operators had voluntarily removed several illegal signs from the stations, and the Telephone Company is working on a new design for an appropriate booth to be used in Georgetown.

The members of the Commission expressed their appreciation to Mr. Green for his efforts in helping the Commission to carry out the intent of the Old Georgetown and Shipstead-Luce Acts.

III. UNITED STATES CONGRESS

(Request for Reports on Legislation from Committees of Congress

The Commission discussed in a general way requests from various committees of Congress on the bills listed in EXHIBIT H.

The members agreed to send a favorable report on S. 165, 88th Congress, a bill "To establish a United States Arts Foundation", and on H.R. 1584, 88th Congress, a bill "To amend the Act of August 21, 1935 to provide for a determination of whether certain sites, buildings or other objects are of national historical significance, and to prohibit the use of Federal funds for highway purposes which damage or destroy national historical sites, buildings, or other objects."

It was agreed to suspend action on the other bills listed until additional information could be obtained.

Thereupon, at 5:30 p.m., the meeting was recessed until 9:30 a.m. the following day.

Respectfully submitted,

C.L. Martin

C.L. Martin
Counsel

28 February 1963

Dear Mr. Boutin:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on February 20, considered a request by the Office of Design and Construction, through Mr. E. E. Witherell, for its advice on the capabilities of five artists, one of whom would be chosen for the commissioning of a free standing sculpture to be located at the new Federal Courthouse and Office Building in Ogden, Utah. The names of the five artists are: James Fitzgerald, Harold Balass, James H. Wales, Tom Hardy and Russell F. Svaren.

After carefully studying photographs of the work of each of these artists, the Commission concluded that all were professionally competent to be selected for such a commission, and that the choice of the architect should prevail in the final selection.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Bernard Boutin
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Copy to: Mr. J. Rowland Snyder, Director,
Design Division, Public Bldgs Svc

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The University of Chicago, in its mission to advance the frontiers of knowledge, has established a tradition of excellence in the field of social and behavioral sciences. It is with this tradition in mind that the University has established the Center for the Study of the Social Sciences, which will be devoted to the study of the social sciences in a broad and comprehensive manner. The center will be located on the campus of the University, and will be open to all students and faculty members. The center will be a place where the most advanced research in the social sciences is carried out, and where the most talented students and faculty members are brought together. The center will be a place where the most important questions in the social sciences are asked and answered, and where the most significant discoveries are made. The center will be a place where the most important contributions to the social sciences are made, and where the most important advances in the social sciences are achieved. The center will be a place where the most important contributions to the social sciences are made, and where the most important advances in the social sciences are achieved.

After carefully reviewing the proposals of the various departments, the University has decided to establish the Center for the Study of the Social Sciences. The center will be a place where the most advanced research in the social sciences is carried out, and where the most talented students and faculty members are brought together. The center will be a place where the most important questions in the social sciences are asked and answered, and where the most significant discoveries are made. The center will be a place where the most important contributions to the social sciences are made, and where the most important advances in the social sciences are achieved.

For the University of Chicago:

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University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

1 March 1963

Dear Mr. Boutin:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on February 20, gave informal consideration to the capabilities of a mural painter, Mr. Olin Russum, in connection with the possible execution of works of art in Federal Office Building No. 5, to be located at 10th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W.

The Commission inspected photographs of examples of Mr. Russum's work, but believe it would be premature to comment specifically on the artist's capabilities without more information regarding the nature of the proposed work, its scale, location in the new building, etc. The Commission also does not like to recommend a particular individual for such work, but prefers that the architects of the building submit, through the Public Buildings Service, the names of at least three artists for consideration.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Bernard Boutin
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Copy to: Mr. J. Rowland Snyder
Director, Design Division,
Public Buildings Service, GSA

27 February 1963

Dear Mr. Boutin:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on February 20, approved the proposed landscaping plan for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Building located at New York Avenue and 17th Street, N.W.

The members hoped that the trees recently removed along 17th Street and New York Avenue could be replaced as quickly as possible.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Bernard Boutin
Administrator
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Copy to: Mr. J. Rowland Snyder,
Director, Design Division,
Public Buildings Service, GSA

27 February 1978

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Committee on the Environment, the Committee on the Interior and the Committee on the Judiciary have been studying the proposed legislation which would establish a new Department of the Environment. The Committee on the Environment has been particularly interested in the proposed legislation which would establish a new Department of the Environment.

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Very truly yours,

James H. Smith

James H. Smith
Director

Department of the Environment
Washington, D.C. 20540

Enclosed for the Department of the Environment are two copies of the proposed legislation which would establish a new Department of the Environment.



HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
SPTS-MC

11 February 1963

Mr. L. R. Wilson, Secretary
The Commission of Fine Arts
Interior Department Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

A hazard to the safety of visitors at the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater, which recently came to the attention of this Office, has caused us considerable concern. At least one serious injury has resulted. The advice and comment of the Commission is sought in connection with a proposed remedial action.

Throughout the year and especially during the spring and summer tourist season, literally hundreds of visitors assemble on the steps at the east entrance to the Reception Building, overlooking the plaza and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at the hourly scheduled changing of the Honor Guard. During the ceremony, when the steps are quite crowded, some persons stand on the cheek blocks at either side of the steps. At these points there is a drop of about 8' to the ground at the sides, and it is here that the hazard exists. During the movement of the crowd, before and after the ceremonies, there is a possibility of these persons being jostled and falling to the ground below.

A choice presents itself of either barricading the platform side of the cheek blocks to prevent anyone from walking there from the portico, or providing a railing around each cheek block, leaving space for the entrance of persons from the platform. There is room for 6 or 8 persons to stand on each block. Since either of the methods outlined would require the installation of a railing of some kind, the latter method, which would allow the public controlled use of these vantage points, seems preferable.

A sketch of the proposed railing is inclosed. I should appreciate consideration of the matter by the Commission at the earliest possible date, so that the hazard can be quickly eliminated. Should additional information be needed, or a visit to the site be desired, please call me or

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EXHIBIT D

SPTS-MC

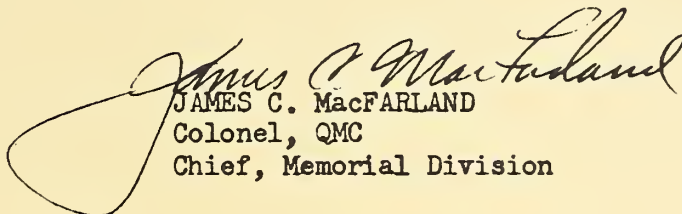
11 February 1963

Mr. L. R. Wilson, Secretary
The Commission of Fine Arts

Lt. Colonel Earle C. Merkl, Chief, Cemetery Branch; and the necessary
arrangements will be made.

Sincerely yours,

1 Incl
Print (in trip)


JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Colonel, QMC
Chief, Memorial Division

February 14, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Hearing Before D. C. Board of Commissioners on Appeal of
the Owners of 1845 Harvard Street, N. W.

With the approval of the Chairman, Mr. Atherton and I went to the District Building this morning at the request of Mr. G. M. Thornett, Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, that the Commission of Fine Arts be represented at a hearing by the Board of Commissioners of arguments presented by the owners of the building who have appealed to the Board for the denial of a building permit by the Department of Licenses and Inspections based upon the recommendation of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The hearing was attended by the three District Commissioners, representatives of the Office of the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Green, and Mr. Ilgenfritz of the D. C. Department of Licenses and Inspections, Mr. Norman Glasgow, attorney, and Mr. Vernon C. Elmore, architect, representing the Tower Construction Corporation, owners of the building. The hearing was in open session and was attended by reporters of the local newspapers.

Mr. Glasgow presented his account of the proceedings before the Commission of Fine Arts and read excerpts from letters by the Chairman to Mr. Green in which the Commission outlined the objections to the proposed building. He stated that the Commission's recommendations, that the building be moved back on the site and a less intensive use made of the land, were impossible to fulfill because (1) the Zoning Regulations required a 15' set-back from the street on the north side of the lot which the present scheme complied with, and (2) it was economically impossible for them to reduce the size of the building.

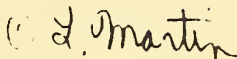
Mr. Tobriner then asked for a statement from the representatives of the Commission as to what were the Commission's objections. Mr. Atherton and I explained that, as was stated in the letters to Mr. Green, the Commission was concerned with the preservation of the landscaping near Rock Creek Park; that the Commission believed the proposed building departed from previous buildings located on land near the Park because the bulk of the building mass and the entrance would be located down in the Park itself rather than on the rim of the hills surrounding the street valley, etc. We also emphasized that the Commission was aware of the economic problems involved and had never indicated any intention to deny the owners their right to build an economical structure on the site, but the Commission believed there were other methods of designing the building besides the one proposed. We pointed out that the Commission had given the architect the opportunity to present new plans, but he had returned with the identical plan in his second appearance before the Commission, and with same plan minus one floor on a third occasion.

General Clarke stated that as he viewed the situation it appeared that the architects were determined to stick to the proposed design. He asked Mr. Elmore if he had considered alternative designs. Mr. Elmore replied that he had, that the alternatives were impossible, etc. His arguments did not impress General Clarke, we believe.

It should be noted that Mr. Glasgow stated that working drawings had been prepared and submitted to the District Department of Licenses and Inspections. We pointed out that this fact could hardly be construed as evidence of a bona fide intention to work with the Commission to attempt to alter the design to meet the Commission's objections.

Mr. Tobriner and General Clarke asked if we believed a further consultation with the architects of the building might prove fruitful and if the Commission would be willing to have such a conference. We replied that we felt certain that the Commission would be willing to talk with the architects again, but suggested that a further presentation of the same design which the Commission had disapproved on three occasions would be a waste of time. It was suggested that the architect be prepared to discuss possible alternatives to the design proposed and disapproved. Mr. Tobriner and General Clarke agreed that this seemed fair to them. Mr. Glasgow and Mr. Elmore also agreed.

Mr. Tobriner then announced that the action of the Board of Commissioners would be to request the appellant corporation to meet again with the Commission of Fine Arts to discuss alternative means of constructing the building.


C. L. Martin
Counsel

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

18 February 1963

SUBJECT: Informal Meeting Re Signs and Appurtenances in Georgetown

On February 12th the undersigned attended a meeting in the 7th Precinct Police Station in Georgetown at the invitation of Mr. J. P. Green, Supervisor, D.C. Department of Licenses and Inspections. Others in attendance were the owners and operators of Esso Service Stations at 30th and M Street, N.W. and Wisconsin Avenue and Q Street, N.W., a representative of the Coca Cola Bottling Company, two representatives of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., the Building Inspector for Georgetown, Mr. John Beemer, Director of the Permit Branch, Department of Licenses and Inspections, Captain Kennedy of the 7th Precinct and others. Approximately 15 persons.

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Mr. Green began the meeting/pointing out that numerous complaints had been registered with the Department of Licenses and Inspections, the District Commissioners, and the Commission of Fine Arts, about the cluttered appearance of gasoline stations and other commercial properties in Georgetown. Consequently, he had arranged the meeting to hear suggestions from the owners of business properties, distributors, and the public utility companies as to what might be done to remedy the situation. It was pointed out that there are existing police regulations which might be strictly enforced but that the District Government would prefer to see a voluntary effort made to remedy the situation, and in the event such an effort was not forthcoming he could require strict enforcement and, if necessary, prepare additional regulations to augment those already on the books.

Mr. Green pointed out that many businessmen in Georgetown were guilty of contributing to the general situation and in many cases had violated the police regulations. He cited as an example the erection of signs by the two gasoline stations on M Street and Wisconsin Avenue without obtaining a building permit. In addition, he pointed out some of the things done at those stations, which did violence to the intent of the Old Georgetown Act, although they were not illegal actions under existing D.C. Regulations. As an example, the two gasoline stations had been constructed at considerable expense in the Federal style of architecture to comply with the Old Georgetown Act. The M Street Station had won an award for architectural excellence. Nevertheless, numerous complaints had been made about the appearance of the two stations caused by the large number of advertising signs on the premises, the location of a large, bright red Coke and ice making machine in the front of the building which measurably detracted from the architecture, etc. Mr. Green said that several of the signs were illegally erected and that permits had not been secured for the coke and ice machines to his knowledge. He also mentioned that complaints had been received concerning the telephone booths near the two stations.

When Mr. Green opened the meeting to comments or questions from those in attendance the owners of the two Esso Stations indicated that they would remove the illegally erected signs. The representative of the Coca Cola Company indicated that his company had a policy of cooperating with local jurisdictions in regard to the design and location of Coke machines and would be willing to consider any suggestions as to how the company could better comply with the intent of the Old Georgetown Act. There was a general discussion of the possibility of establishing a separate structure on gasoline station property in which soft drink and ice machines could be located, or changing the color of the machines to harmonize better with brick in the stations.

The representative of the Telephone Company indicated that his Company also had a policy of cooperation with local jurisdictions in regard to the design and location of public telephone booths and stated that if it was felt that the design of telephone booths currently in use in Georgetown was not in keeping with the intent of the Old Georgetown Act he was certain that a more suitable design could be worked out which would satisfy the Commission of Fine Arts and the District Commissioners.

In closing the meeting Mr. Green invited anyone present to call upon him at any time, and stated again that he hoped the businessmen in Georgetown would show the District Commissioners by their own actions that it was unnecessary to impose new regulations regarding commercial property appurtenances.

Appraisal of Meeting. In our opinion the meeting served a very useful and constructive purpose. We believe Mr. Green is to be commended for his voluntary action in this matter. The meeting placed the businessmen and utility representatives on notice of the complaints which had been received, of the fact that building code violations had been noted and strict enforcement could result in fines and other penalties, and that new regulations could be enacted if necessary. On the other hand, Mr. Green's calm and reasonable approach appeared to generate in the businessmen present a spirit of willingness to cooperate in voluntary effort to improve the situation. If that spirit is carried on to action we believe a considerable improvement in the appearance of Georgetown properties could result.

D. H. Atherton

C. L. Martin

III. LEGISLATION

1. S. 165-1/14/63-Mr.Javits-88thC-Rpt.Rqstd.

"To establish a United States Arts Foundation."

2. S. 315-1/18/63-Mr.Dirksen-88thC-Report Requested

"To amend the National Cultural Center Act as amended, to enlarge the site within which the National Cultural Center may be built."

3. H.J.Res.181-1/24/63-Mr.Kyl-88thC-Rpt. Rqstd.

"Providing for the establishment of the Board on Presidential Memorials in the Nation's Capital."

4. H.R.262-1/9/63-Mr.Abernathy-88thC-Rpt.Rqstd.

"To provide that certain real property under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Army and made a Part of the Arlington National Cemetery."

5. H.R.1584-1/10/63-Mr.Curtin-88thC-Rpt. Rqstd.

"To amend the Act of August 21, 1935 to provide for a determination of whether certain sites, buildings, or other objects are of national historical significance, and to prohibit the use of Federal funds for highway purposes which damage or destroy national historical sites, buildings, or other objects."

6. H.R.2984-1/29/63-Mr.Gary-88thC-Rpt. Rqstd.

"To authorize the enlargement of the Arlington National Cemetery and to provide that certain land heretofore reserved for other purposes shall be made a part of the Arlington National Cemetery and shall be administered by the Secretary of the Army as a part of the Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes."

6. H.R.2370 - 1/2/63 - Mr. Bengell - 88th C

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NO ADDRESS AND OWNERPROJECT

3317 3100 M St., NW
 Steve Andre Assoc., Ltd.

1 s-f, 24 sq-ft sign. Black bckgd., gold mylar protruding border. Cut-out plywood ltrs. faced with permanent gold mylar. Offset from bckgd. 3/4".

ACTION: Recom'd. for proposed sign on "W" St. elevation, provided no other exterior signs are mounted elsewhere on the building, 1/29/63.

3318 3116 P St., NW
 Hon. Leroy Collins
 ACTION: Recom'd., 1/22/63.

Add muntins to exist. windows on front of house to make 12-light sash in lieu of exist. sash.

3319 1616 Wisc. Ave., NW
 Jean-Paul et Norbert Art et Coiffure
 ACTION: Recom'd., provided dimensions of sign are reduced to 24" wide by approx. 40" high. Ltrs. to be painted directly on sign rather than mounted on pins, 1/29/63.

Rev. of OG 3295. 1 s-f sign, 10 sq-ft. Plywood sign.

White bckgd., black ltrs.

3320 3116 M St., NW
 The Pagoda

1 s-f, 20 sq-ft sign. Gold-leaf ltrng. on black bckgd.

ACTION: Proposed signs are recom'd., provided thickness of the ltrs. is reduced by approx. 1-third. Proposed location on projecting showwindow also recom'd. in this instance, as no other suitable space is available, 1/29/63.

3321 3125 M St., NW
 The Shadows Restaurant
 ACTION: Recom'd. as revised for ltrs. not to exceed 12" in height, 1/29/63.

Rev. of OG 3311. 1 s-f, 24 sq-ft sign. Raised letters.

3322 3047 West Lane Keys, NW
 Rockwood Foster
 ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 1/29/63.

Install 2 dormers on front (3rd-fl. line). Install rear dormer--cannot be seen from any public highway or thoro'fare.

3323 1651 Wisc. Ave., NW
 The Shop For Pappagallo

Rev. to OG 3301. 1 d-f sign on post with lantern.

ACTION: Recom'd., provided sign is increased in height to 3'-6" & that a simple wooden moulding is added around the sides per attached sketch. No resubmission is requested, 1/29/63.

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<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
3324	1049 Thos. Jefferson St., NW Jefferson Spring Serv. Co., Inc.	Erect 2-story addn. to exist. 1-story bldg.
ACTION: Not recom'd. Proposed 2-story addn. to industrial bldg. lacks sufficient arch'l. quality appropriate for the Georgetown area. Recom. restudy incorporating elements that will reduce the mass of the bldg. & result in a more suitable scale and design, 2/7/63.		
3326	3227 M St., NW Kosto Hobby Crafts	1 s-f, 24 sq-ft sign. Dark blue ltrs. on white bckgd.
ACTION: Recom'd. as revised, 1/29/63.		
3327	3000 Va. Ave., NW Maloney Conc. Co.	Erect steel fabricated portable cement bin.
ACTION: The Commission recommends that all new mechanical equipment essential to industrial operations be painted a medium value neutral color such as grey or tan, 1/29/63.		

2/19/63

<u>NO</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
3325	3264 S St., NW David C. Stewart	New 1-story brick wign & porch extension of exist. front entrance & family room.
ACTION: Recom'd: As the original bldg. is not of Federal period, & has had a similar addn. made in 1958, there is no objection to the proposed new wing. Suggest windows on west elevation of bedroom match other windows on new wing, 2/5/63.		
3328	1648-32nd St., NW J. F. Harris	Hanging 2 carriage lights. 1 on each side of front door.
ACTION: Recom'd., 2/8/63.		
3329	3205 K St., NW Krouse's Waterfront Inn	4 red canvas awnings above doors & windows. Suspended from bldg. with fixed iron frames.
ACTION: Not recom'd. Recom. separate awnings with a straight pitch, shed-type construction, one to be placed over windows & doors on "K" St. elevation, & one to be placed over and extending a short distance on either side of alleyway entrance. Color of fabric to be terra cotta, blue, or green, 2/19/63.		
3330	1049 Thos. Jeff. St., NW Jeff. Spring Service Co., Inc.	Rev. of OG 3324. 2-story brick addn. to exist. bldg.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided (1) Projecting belt course be raised to 2nd story level; (2) Brick soldier courses be used above 3 large openings; and (3) Large window near corner of exist. 1-story bldg. be replaced with a window like those in new bldg.; (4) Also reduce thickness of belt course & carry around corner on east elevation;		
(5) Modify cornice according to attached sketch; (6) Substitute brick for terra cotta; (7) Request sample of material, 2/19/63.		

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REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

FEB 13 1963

NO ADDRESS AND OWNER

PROJECT

2574 119-2nd St., NE Repair & alter. roof, railing, windows on 4th fl. balcony.

Mrs Carla Williams

ACTION: App'd., 1/22/63.

2575 619 Penna. Ave., NW 1 red canvas gear roller awning above front entr. No fixed

Waffle Shop iron frames or posts.

ACTION: App'd., provided projection of awning is reduced by 1'-6", 2/4/63.

2576 2432 Mass. Ave., NW Replace exist. worn-out air-cond. unit on roof.

Gustave Ring

ACTION: App'd., provided unit is screened with a neutral color material. Request sketch showing method of screening, 2/4/63.

2577 223 Penna. Ave., SE 1 black & gold canvas awning with fixed iron frames. Sus-

Neptune Grill Restaurant

ACTION: App'd., provided awning has a straight pitch with single color fabric of black, blue or green, 2/6/63.

2/19/63

NO ADDRESS AND OWNER

PROJECT

2578 400-12th St., SW

McLachlen Banking Corp.

Construct new addition (2-story) & redecorate interior of exist. bldg.
ACTION: Disap'd. Recom. following chgs. in design of 12th-St. facade: (1) Complete north section of new wall on same plane; (2) Recess end wall; (3) Substitute arched opening similar to arched windows for pediment door. (NOTE: Illuminated sign not included in review.), 2/19/63.

2579 333 Penna Ave., SE

John D. Barlow (Commercial)

Remove exist. wood store front (other than any vertical or horizontal load bearing members) & replace with aluminum & glass store front.
ACTION: Ret'd. for determination as to jurisdiction of the Comm. of Fine Arts, 2/15/63.

2580 1801 Sycamore St., NW

Dr & Mrs W. L. Campfield

New 2-story split level dwelling, brick.
ACTION: App'd., provided gas flues are relocated & vented through brick chimney on rear elevation. Sketch requested, 2/19/63.

2581 2401 Calvert St., NW

Wm. Magazine

New 10-story masonry apt. house.
ACTION: App'd. for arch'l. design, but not for colors & materials. Suggest use of brownish-toned brick rather darker than darkest brick in sample; also substitution of buff precast concrete for white pebbled sample, 2/19/63.

2582 2344 Mass. Ave., NW

Mrs Jeane L. Dixon

Remove frame & glass porch enclosure on rear of bldg. Build brick walls with basement door & window & 1st fl. window to the height of 2nd fl. porch.

ACTION: App'd., 2/19/63.

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
20 FEBRUARY 1963

AM

9:30 I. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

9:35 II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS-INTERVIEWS

1. District of Columbia Government

a. Department of Highways and Traffic

(Mr. G.I. Sawyer, Deputy Director for Engineering Design and Research, Mr. E. D. Burke, Engineer of Design, Department of Highways and Traffic; Mr. John Baylor, Landscape Architect)

Tree Rehabilitation Program for Pennsylvania Avenue from 1st to 17th Streets, N.W.

10:00

b. Department of Buildings and Grounds

(1) Lewis Charles Rabaut Junior High School, N. Dakota & Kansas Ave., N.W. - Proposed Design

(Mr. G.A. Purcell, Liaison Officer, D.C. Dept. of Bldgs. & Grounds; Mr. A. Stanley McGaughan, architect of McGaughan & Johnson)

(2) Hine Junior High School, 7th & C Sts., S.E. - Proposed Design (Mr. G.A. Purcell; Mr. Johnson, architect of Johnson & Boutin)

(3) Mildred Green Elementary School, 15th St. & Mississippi Ave., S.E. - Revised Design (Mr. Purcell; Mr. J.A. MacLane, architect of MacLane & Chewing)

(4) Public Library, 3d and K Sts., S.W. - Revised Design (Mr. Purcell; Mr. A.R. Clas, architect of Clas & Riggs)

10:30

c. Department of Licenses & Inspections

(Mr. Vernon Elmore, architect of Corning, Moore, Elmore & Fischer; Mr. Norman Glasgow, Attorney)

S.L. 2553, 1845 Harvard St., N.W. - Proposed Apartment Building

11:00

2. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

(Mr. Conrad Wirth, Director, Natl Park Service; Mr. T. Sutton Jett, Regional Director, Natl Capital Region; Mr. Robert Horne, Associate Regional Director, Natl Capital Region)

- a. Rock Creek Park Golf Club House - Proposed Design
- b. C&O Canal Barge Landing, Between 30th & Jefferson Sts.,
N.W. - Proposed Design
- c. Fort Washington Employee Residence - Proposed Design
- d. Stanton Park (U.S.Res.15), Maryland & Massachusetts
Aves., N.W. - Proposed Redevelopment

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